

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

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**PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO ADOPT REVISED
COMPETITIVE SWITCHING RULES**

**NOTICE OF CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC.'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE OCTOBER 22, 2013 PUBLIC HEARING AND
SUMMARY OF INTENDED TESTIMONY**

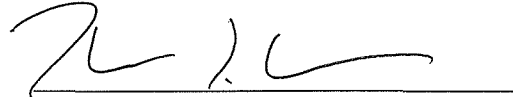
Pursuant to the Board's order served August 13, 2013, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") hereby notifies the Board of its intent to participate in the public hearing scheduled for October 22, 2013 in the above-captioned proceeding. CSXT's speaker will be Cressie Brown, CSXT's Vice President – Service Design and Advanced Technology.

Ms. Brown will address some of the adverse operational consequences that can be expected to result if the Board were to adopt the NITL forced switching proposal, including the following:

- By allowing shippers to demand forced switching at shipper-selected interchanges, the NITL proposal would undermine network efficiency gains achieved by using a hub-and-spoke model to consolidate switching operations at major classification yards.
- Forced switching would result in irregular and unpredictable routings that would undermine efforts to direct traffic over the safest and most efficient routes.
- The NITL proposal would have adverse collateral consequences for many rail users who cannot or do not want to demand forced switching. Forced switching would significantly degrade customer service to all customers on the rail network through increased handlings, irregular stops, and lengthier transit times.

CSXT requests 10 minutes to speak, or such other time as the Board may make available for other speakers from individual railroads.

Respectfully submitted,



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